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Dear Dr. Gutiérrez-Solana:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) March 21 through April 5, 2001, audit of Spain's meat inspection system. We received your October 10, 2001 letter providing comments on the Draft Final report of the same audit, and made the appropriate editorial changes. Your letter has been incorporated into the Final report as Attachment "G."

We appreciate your thorough review of the FSIS audit findings and the immediate corrective actions taken to ensure that meat products exported to the United States meet U.S. import requirements. We also appreciate the steps taken by the Government of Spain to improve the level of government oversight regarding HACCP implementation. If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact me at telephone number (202-720-3781), facsimile number (202-690-4040), or email address (sally.stratmoen@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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